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SUBJECT: PROCEDURES FOR EXPANDED INDOCHINA REFUGEE PROGRAM

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1. EMBASSY GENERALLY CONCURS IN DEPARTMENT CLEARANCE
DOCUMENTATION PROCEDURES FOR POSSIBLE EXPANDED PROGRAM
OUTLINED IN REFTEL.

2. IN VIEW OF JUNE 30, 1976 CUTOFF DATE FOR ANTICIPATED
NEW PROGRAM, WE ARE CONCERNED THAT PROPOSAL TO SUBMIT BIO
DATA AFTER ASSIGNMENT OF "A" NUMBERS MIGHT ALLOW TOO LITTLE
TIME FOR ARRANGING SPONSOR VERIFICATION PRIOR TO JUNE 30, 1976.
AT THE PRESENT TIME, THE REFUGEE SECTION IS RESCREENING ALL
REFUGEE CASES IN THAILAND ACCORDING TO NEW RESTRICTED CRITERIA
AND WILL PRIORITIZE THESE CASES ONCE SCREENING IS COMPLETED.
THIS RESCREENING WILL TAKE APPROXIMATELY FOUR WEEKS TO
COMPLETE AND FINAL INS SCREENING WILL REQUIRE FROM FOUR TO
SIX WEEKS. FOR THIS REASON, WE STRONG-LY REQUEST THAT DEPARTMENT
CONSIDER AUTHORIZING EMBASSY TO SUBMIT BIO DATA ON THOSE REFU-
GEES WHOSE QUALIFICATIONS FOR PAROLE ACCORDING TO NEW RESTRICTED
CRITERIA ARE SOUND IN ADVANCE OF A NUMBER ASSIGNMENT.

3. RE SUGGESTIONS PARA 9 REFTEL, EMBASSY STILL PREFERS THAT
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VOLAG COORDINATION FOR SPONSORSHIP IDENTIFICATION TAKE PLACE
AT THE WASHINGTON LEVEL. IT IS BELIEVED THAT DIRECT ASSIGNMENT
OF VOLAG REPRESENTATIVES TO THAILAND CARRIES WITH IT THE POTEN-
TIAL FOR DELAY IN SPONSORSHIP IDENTIFICATION AND COULD LEAD TO

CONFUSION IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT TWO SEPARATE PROCEDURES WOULD BE EMPLOYED FOR VOLAGS WORKING IN THAILAND AND FOR VOLAGS NOT WORKING IN THAILAND. THE BEST SOLUTION TO THE SPONSORSHIP PROBLEM, AS WE SEE IT, WOULD BE TO HAVE MAJOR VOLAGS ASSIGN REPRESENTATIVES TO ORM TO WORK WITH BIO DATA SUBMITTED BY POST. IF SOME VOLAGS STILL DESIRE TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO THAILAND, WE WOULD HOPE THAT SUCH PERSONNEL WOULD BE INCORPORATED INTO ORO AND WOULD BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE IN AREA SUCH AS TRACKING CASES HERE PENDING SPONSORSHIP AND ARRANGING TRANSPORTATION FOR REFUGEES.

4. EMBASSY ALSO RECOMMENDS THAT DEPARTMENT ADVISE PARTICIPATING VOLAGS WORKING AT DEPARTMENT AND/OR MISSION LEVEL THAT ASSIGNMENT OF CASES FOR SPONSORSHIP VERIFICATION WILL BE MADE BY DEPARTMENT OR EMBASSY. THIS IS CONSIDERED DESIRABLE TO AVOID PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED IN THE PAST OF VOLAGS COMPETING WITH EACH OTHER FOR SPONSORSHIP OF MOST DESIRABLE CASES LEAVING MORE DIFFICULT CASES FOR LAST.

5. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT COMMENTS RE THESE SUGGESTIONS.
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